



NSF EPSCoR National Almanac

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What is the online NSF EPSCoR Almanac?

The NSF EPSCoR *National Almanac* is an online tool compiled from a variety of data sources for the 50 States and Puerto Rico. The *Almanac* was created to serve as a source of data for persons interested in the EPSCoR program. It is designed to assist viewers in examining and assessing the EPSCoR program in relation to a number of non-EPSCoR specific variables. It is expected that individuals in the states may access and download data of interest, and add to it their own data, charts, and graphs in order to create a more complete picture of the state's EPSCoR program.

The data presented in the *Almanac* have been translated into visual presentations. Some of these are in the form of charts, but most are “thematic” maps of the United States. On the thematic maps, the amount of shading in each State gives a quick visual indication of whether the State is high, mid-range, or low on the particular data continuum being measured. On each *Almanac* map, EPSCoR States are shown with BOLD borders to allow for easy identification and comparison.

The *Almanac* contains a “sources” page, which describes in detail the sources of all data in the *Almanac*. Terms used in the map titles, legends, and notes are defined on the “glossary” page. Because both of these pages contain many important notes and definitions, it is a good idea to consult them often in order to gain a full understanding of the maps and charts. Formatted *Almanac* maps and charts can be printed directly from the *Almanac* web pages using Adobe Acrobat Reader (a free utility).

What data does it contain?

As mentioned above, all of the data contained in the NSF EPSCoR National *Almanac* are non-EPSCoR specific. The data were collected from sources accessible to the general public; such as NSF, the Census Bureau, the Department of Education the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Awards, Higher Education, Economics, Patterns of High Technology, Population, NSF Research Support Award Dollars, and General EPSCoR information.

How can I get additional information or comment on the Almanac?

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